

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports in the country being operated by Airports Authority of India and Indian Air Force where commercial and private aircrafts are allowed to operate, separately;
- (b) whether the number is sufficient to meet the increasing requirement of passenger and cargo traffic; and
- (c) if not, the concrete steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is operating 66 airports including 2 airports under Joint Venture. In addition, there are 19 airports belonging to Indian Air Force (IAF) where AAI is having civil enclaves.
- (b) & (c) In order to meet the increasing passengers and cargo traffic demands, AAI has envisaged various developmental activities for operationalisation of a number of non-operational airports, expansion/ modernisation of several existing airports and development of Greenfield airports in the North Eastern Region.